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ABSORBENT PRODUCTS, METHOD OF THEIR
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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-1.99, the
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Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.



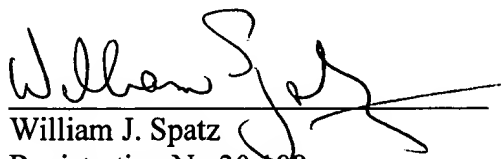
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to cite the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 in the next Office Action. In so doing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial in the space adjacent to the listing of each document on the PTO-1449 form, and return a copy of the initialed PTO-1449 form with the next communication to Applicants, to confirm that these documents have been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

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